

## **ATTACHMENT NO. 7**

### **Archeological Survey Short Report and Illinois Historic Preservation Agency Coordination**

#### **Note**

Attached is a redacted copy of the Archeological Survey Short Report submitted by mail to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency on September 30, 2008. In the interest of protection of potential resources, specific locations are not included and the figures, maps and photographs that were part of the original submittal are not included in this attachment.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY SHORT REPORT  
Illinois Historic Preservation Agency  
Old State Capital Building  
Springfield, Illinois 62701 (217/785-4997)

IHPA Log # \_\_\_\_\_

Locational Information and Survey Conditions

County: Madison \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle: Granite City \_\_\_\_\_

Project Type/Title: Rivers's Edge Tri-City Regional Port District \_\_\_\_\_

Funding and/or Permitting Federal/State Agencies: \_\_\_\_\_ USACE  
(i.e., CoE, HUD, IEPA, FmHA, etc.)

Sec: 26 \_\_\_\_\_ T.: 3N \_\_\_\_\_ R.: 10W \_\_\_\_\_ Natural Division (No.): \_\_\_\_\_

U.T.M.: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Description: Plans that impact the project area include a new 'slip harbor' design Mississippi River harbor, and freight transfer facilities. The area that contains the remnants of the previous wharf would be excavated out while another area to the north will be filled in (see figure 2).

Topography: Mississippi River front/sandy beach, wooded low-lying wetland areas, and fallow barrow areas. \_\_\_\_\_

(Soils) 56% Beaucoup silty clay loam, 0 to 2 % slopes, frequently flooded, long duration; 34% Rocher Loam, 2 to 5% slopes, frequently flooded; 10% Orthents, loamy, hilly \_\_\_\_\_

Drainage: Mississippi River \_\_\_\_\_

Land Use/Ground Cover (Include % Visibility): abandoned wharf, partially silt covered, partially forested with some grass and trees, 60-100% visibility \_\_\_\_\_

Survey Limitations: none \_\_\_\_\_

Archaeological and Historical Information

Historic Plats/Atlases/Sources: \_\_\_\_\_

1851 Meyer  
1861 J W. Holmes, Map of Madison County, Illinois  
1861 Holmes and Arnold, Atlas of Venice Township  
1873 McCormick & Co, Atlas of Madison County Brink.,  
1892 Anonymous, Plat Book of Madison County  
1906 Ogle, Atlas of Madison County  
1837 Corp of Engineers No.3 Map of the Harbor of St. Louis, Mississippi River. \_\_\_\_\_

This portion of the riverfront is referred to as "Kerr Island" due to a slough that historically caused this piece of land to become an island during high water. The original city of Venice, IL. was once located on the southern end of Kerr Island predominantly south of The Merchants Bridge. After several floods and rebuilding, the city was moved further east inland to its present location after the flood of 1851. "Old Venice", as its known, is not located within the Tri-City project boundaries.

Previously Reported Sites: Site #'s: MS904 and MS1903 are found within .5 miles of the project area.

Site # MS904 appears to be unassociated with a survey and consists of the northern portion of what once was "Old Venice" that is located north of the Merchants Bridge. This project is co-located with this site.

Site # MS1903 was recorded in 1999 by Archaeological Research Center and is associated with Survey # 9742. The site is located directly south of the Merchants Bridge, out of this project's boundaries.

Immediately south and partially collocating with the project area an African American shanty town was recorded in 1979 (site #MS904). According to the site form completed by the ISU Historic Sites Division, the shanty town was called the "Kerr Island Site". The site form lists that 1/2 of the area was cultivated, and the other 1/2 wooded with 10 structures, including a residence, church, barn and tavern. The site form lists that 1/2 of the site was covered with structures, yet this was not the case in 2008 when URS made its site visit to the northern portion of the site. Upon our visit in 2008, there were no buildings found in the area where the proposed Tri-City Port Project collocates with the northern end of site #904. However, large quantities of building material debris such as bricks, concrete and concrete block were found scattered in the lower borrow area in the center of the northern end of the original site #904 boundaries. Household trash was also identified, frequently burned. The trash and building materials date to the urban industrial period of 1900-1945 and 1945- present. We did not investigate the southern portion of site #MS904, which was out of our project boundaries. A revisit site form for #MS904 will be completed and submitted. \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Surveys: Survey #'s: MS9742/7041, MS5770, and MS7927 are found within .5 miles of the project area. Of these projects, only #MS9742/7041 had an associated site.

#MS9742/7041 are associated with one another as part of the 200 acre Melvin Price Project. The report was completed in 1996 by Markman & Associates. Associated sites include #1903, which was located south of the Merchants Bridge.

#MS7927 was the Confluence Bike Path Project, completed in 1996 by ITARP (Illinois Transportation Archaeological Research Program) No sites were found.

#MS5770 does not have an associated report that I was able to locate, no sites were listed in the IHPA database.

Regional Archaeologists Contacted: none \_\_\_\_\_

Investigation Techniques: Pedestrian survey, pre-field research, research with USACE. \_\_\_\_\_

con \_\_\_\_\_ Time Expended: 26 hours \_\_\_\_\_

Sites/Find Spots Located: Granite cobblestone wharf and urban-industrial to modern household/building debris. \_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Material: Urban industrial to modern building materials such as brick and concrete as well as burned urban industrial to modern household trash. A granite cobblestone wharf that dates to 1943 is also present in the project area (see photos). No artifacts were collected. \_\_\_\_\_

(Curated at) \_\_\_\_\_

Collection Techniques: no collection \_\_\_\_\_

Area Surveyed (Acres & Square Meters): 50 acres/202,300 square meters  
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**Results Of Investigation And Recommendations:** (Check One)

- ☐ Phase I Archaeological Reconnaissance Has Located No Archaeological Material; Project Clearance Is Recommended.
- ☒ Phase I Archaeological Reconnaissance Has Located Archaeological Materials; Site(s) Does (Do) Not Meet Requirements For National Register Eligibility; Project Clearance Is Recommended.
- ☐ Phase I Archaeological Reconnaissance Has Located Archaeological Materials; Site(s) May Meet Requirements for National Register Eligibility; Phase II Testing Is Recommended.
- ☐ Phase II Archaeological Investigation Has Indicated That Site(s) Does (Do) Not Meet Requirements For National Register Eligibility; Project Clearance Is Recommended.
- ☐ Phase II Archaeological Investigation Has Indicated That Site(s) Meet Requirements For National Register Eligibility; Formal Report Is Pending And A Determination Of Eligibility Is Recommended.

**Comments:** Disturbance due to levee construction in the 1953 has impacted nearly all of the project area (see attached map documentation attained from the USACE). From what we saw it appeared that borrowing for the levee within our project area caused a large amount of disturbance to areas directly west of the levees. Bowl shaped borrow areas are evident today and are classified as wetlands due to the water they collect. During our 9/08 site visit, we encountered the granite cobblestone wharf and some late industrial to modern building materials and trash in the areas that collocate with MS904. Areas known as "Old Venice" may have been located further south of our project area, as we encountered no standing buildings in our project area. The historic "Shanty Town" recorded in 1979 (Site MS904), must have since been either demolished or located further south from our project area, as the buildings reported were not located during our survey.

**Archaeological Contractor Information:**

Archaeological Contractor: URS Corporation

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Surveyor(s): S. Jansen, C. Williams Survey Dates(s): 9/6/08

Report Completed By: S. Jansen Date: 9/30/08

Submitted By (Signature And Title): Susan Jansen MA, RPA

**Attachment Check List:** (#1 Through #4 Are MANDATORY)

- ☒ 1) Relevant Portion Of USGS 7.5' Topographic Quadrangle Map(s) Showing Project Location And Any Recorded Sites;
- ☒ 2) Project Map(s) Depicting Survey Limits And, When Applicable, Approximate Site Limits, And Concentrations Of Cultural Materials;
- ☒ 3) Site Form(s): Two Copies Of Each Form;
- ☐ 4) All Relevant Project Correspondence;
- ☐ 5) Additional Information Sheets As Necessary.

**Address Of Owner/Agent/Agency To Whom SHPO Comment Should Be Mailed:**

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**Reviewers Comments:**

11/03/93